

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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20. (New) A method for promoting the healing of fibrotic disorders with reduced scarring comprising administering to a subject in need of treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a stimulator of Activin.

21. (New) A method for promoting healing with reduced scarring comprising administering to a subject in need of treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a stimulator of Activin.

22. (New) The method according to claim 20 or 21 wherein the stimulator is selected from the group consisting of Activin, a fragment of activin, a partially modified form of activin, an inhibitor of metabolism of activin, and a stimulator of synthesis of activin.

23. (New) The method according to claims 22 wherein the stimulator comprises a partially modified form of activin having a longer half-life than its parent molecule.

24. (New) The method according to claim 20 or 21 wherein the stimulator comprises an agonist of Activin.

25. (New) The method according to claim 20 or 21 wherein the stimulator of Activin is administered in conjunction with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or excipient.

26. (New) The method according to claim 20 or 21 wherein the stimulator of Activin is used in conjunction with a further agent that promotes the reduction of scarring.

27. (New) The method according to claim 20 or 21 wherein the stimulator of Activin is used in conjunction with a further agent that promotes the healing of chronic wounds.